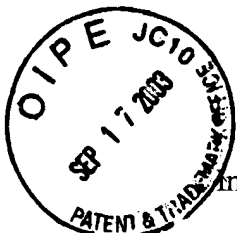


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SEVENTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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The cited documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action of a counterpart foreign application corresponding to the above-referenced application. The Office Action is dated March 25, 2003. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed, together with an excerpted translation of the same. Also enclosed are translations of each cited document together with Abstracts obtained from a commercial database.

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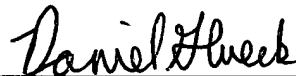
We also enclose a check for the required \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2). Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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